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SUBJECT: FRG CONTROLS ON PANTY HOSE IMPORTS FROM ITALY

REF: (A) BONN 9298; (B) BONN 9750

1. FRG HAS IMPOSED, EFFECTIVE JULY 21, REQUIREMENT THAT ALL IMPORTS OF ITALIAN PANTY HOSE BE ACCOMPANIED BY IMPORT DECLARATION WHICH IS TO BE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE WITH FEDERAL OFFICE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND PRESENTED TO CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES WHEN PANTY HOSE ENTER WEST GERMANY. REASON FOR NEW MEASURE, ACCORDING FRG OFFICIALS, IS THAT IMPORTS OF LOW-PRICED ITALIAN PANTY HOSE CONTINUE TO RISE, WITH RESULTANT IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT IN GERMAN INDUSTRY.

2. WE DISCUSSED IMPORT DECLARATION WITH EC TRADE POLICY OFFICIALS FREITAG AND KOPENICK, OF FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC MINISTRIES RESPECTIVELY. BOTH STRESSED THAT

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NEW MEASURE WILL ENTAIL NO DELAY IN PANTY HOSE IMPORTS

FROM ITALY. IT WILL, HOWEVER, GIVE FRG ADVANCE  
KNOWLEDGE OF IMPORT VOLUME; THIS IS MAIN DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN EARLIER REGULATION (REFS) AND NEW MEASURE.

3. KOPENICK ADDED THAT FRG HAS FAILED IN EFFORT  
TO HAVE EC COMMISSION DETERMINE THAT GOI IS SUBSIDIZING  
ITS PANTY HOSE EXPORTS, AND THAT BILATERAL TALKS WITH  
LOCAL ITALIAN EMBASSY HAVE PRODUCED NO RELIEF.  
AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, HE DESCRIBED NEW MEASURE AS  
"EXPRESSION OF OUR HELPLESSNESS," DESIGNED MORE TO  
CONTAIN PRESSURES FROM GERMAN PANTY HOSE INDUSTRY THAN  
TO IMPRESS ITALIANS.  
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